A CSI GRAD GOES TO YALE

Tara Gianoulis's research strives to combat superbugs and improve the environment.
Metropolitan Museum Tour of The Egyptian Galleries
Led by Fran D’Atria Romano ’70
March 20, 2009

Alumni Career Stimulus Event
Motivational speaker Eric Barron will discuss skills and techniques for finding a job in tough economic times.
Presented in collaboration with the CSI Career and Scholarship Center.
April 14, 2009

A Day of Fun at Mohegan Sun Casino
Bus trip departing from and returning to the CSI campus.
April 18, 2009

CSI Barnes & Noble College Booksellers Golf Outing
April 24, 2009
(cloud/rain date May 30)

2nd Annual Alumni Board/Faculty/College Alumni Staff Reception
April 28, 2009

Nursing Reunion
May 12, 2009

Commencement
May 28, 2009

Observatory Night with Prof. Irving Robbins
May 29, 2009 • (cloud/rain date May 30)

Annual Meeting, CSI Alumni Association
June 15, 2009

Annual CSI Alumni Night at the Richmond County Bank Ballpark
June 20, 2009

For more information contact the Alumni Relations Office at 718.982.2290.

www.csialumniatlarge.org
Eye on CSI Launches a New Era in Alumni Relations at the College of Staten Island!

This is just the beginning of a new way to reach out and keep in touch with CSI, and Richmond College and SICC graduates. It’s a big job. We boast more than 54,000 alumni across the country and around the world. To keep them connected with their College and former classmates, the CSI Alumni Association is creating a broad range of initiatives, including our new online community called CSI Alumni@Large which can be accessed at www.csialumniatlarge.org [contact our Alumni Relations Office at 718.982.2290 for first-time log-on information], our alumni travel program, upcoming departmental reunions, and special events designed to help our alumni retool, rethink, and transfer their skills for different jobs in the emerging global economy.

Eye on CSI will also keep you updated about your College. Great things are happening on campus. As our most recent advertising campaign proclaims, “Bachelors, Masters, PhDs. CSI: World Class; Right Here.” Our increasing stature and reputation are driven by our exceptional faculty, our excellent incoming baccalaureate students, and our dedicated staff and administration.

To this vibrant community of more than 54,000 people, we are delighted to invite you, our honored alumnae, to join us.

Please keep your eye on CSI and make Eye on CSI one of your portals to reconnect to your College.

Warmest regards,

Tomás D. Morales, PhD
President

Eye on CSI marks a fresh start in alumni communication.
If you’re active at the College, I’m sure this publication will confirm your enthusiasm for our school. If you’re a newcomer to our alumni community, I hope that it will re-engage you with CSI and our Alumni Association.

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President Morales with the CSI Alumni Association Board of Directors
In an effort to decrease the number of sidelined athletes on their national team, prior to the games, the Chinese Olympic Committee invited Jeffrey Rothman, PT, EdD, Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the College of Staten Island and co-director of the Clinical Doctorate Physical Therapy Program in the Health Sciences Doctoral Programs at the CUNY Graduate Center, to China to co-present a “Workshop for National Team Doctors.”

Joining Rothman were Judi Laprade, PT, PhD, Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto and Bill Holcomb, PhD, ATC, Associate Professor in the Sports Injury Research Center at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

Rothman reported that before he arrived the Chinese “had a high incidence of injuries and a number of the athletes were suffering what they call ‘Overuse Syndrome’—they were basically pushing themselves for the Olympics and suffering injuries. I’d done some work in this area and knew indirectly some of the people who were trained in the United States, went to China, and were helping the Chinese athletes.”

While in China, Rothman and his colleagues organized presentations to meet the needs and interests of Chinese team doctors (a group of 40 professionals, including chiropractors, physical therapists, orthopedic surgeons, and an emergency room physician who train the athletes to prevent injuries). The goal of the workshop was to provide the team doctors with practical and clinical information on using North American traditional rehabilitation techniques to prevent and treat sports injuries. The Chinese team doctors employ traditional Chinese medicine, which includes the use of herbs, acupressure, acupuncture, and manipulation for the management of sports injuries.


Reflecting on his experiences, Rothman said that one of the best aspects of the visit for him was “the informal exchange of information and sharing ideas. The Chinese also have a lot to offer. It was a nice blending of traditional Chinese medicine with North American medicine… In terms of physical therapy, Rothman continued, ‘I think what we picked up was the fact that their acupuncture and the types of medicine that they provide are definitely something that people in North America should be able to learn from. I think in terms of physical therapy, there is a lot going on at that end and I think that we should learn more about it.’”

Rothman also stressed that the Chinese were both gracious and grateful for the information that he and his colleagues imparted.

Rothman says that he has already shared some of what he has learned in China with his students back at CSI and that the China/U.S. dialogue will continue after the Olympics with exchanges of faculty, students, and research. “I’m looking forward to that,” said Rothman. “It wasn’t just the one trip; it will lead to other things.”

College of Staten Island Junior Matthew Signorile served as an intern for U.S. Congressman Anthony Weiner (D-NY) last summer. Signorile was selected for the internship through The City University of New York (CUNY)-sponsored Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program in Government & Public Affairs.

The program’s mission, according to CUNY, is “to provide education for the public service by bridging the gap between academic study and the practical world of government and public affairs.”

Signorile, who is double-majoring in English and Philosophy/Political Science with the Macaulay Honors College, says that he was encouraged by genuine curiosity. “I’m obsessed with how things tick, and the inner workings of the legislative branch appealed to me.”

Once he graduates from CSI, Signorile plans to eventually drift into politics, but I want to start out as a lawyer in the public realm. This way, I can bring in some real-life experience into politics and avoid becoming a career politician.”
CSI faculty receive $1.7M for SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH

The New York State Department of Health, Wadsworth Center Spinal Cord Injury Research Board (CART Research Grant) has awarded faculty members in the College of Staten Island’s Physical Therapy Department major support for their innovative research.

Dr. Maria Knouk received $1,443,000 for her research entitled “Mechanisms Underlying Locomotor Recovery after Step Training in SCI.” The main objective of this research project is to identify through non-invasive electrophysiological techniques the neural mechanisms underlying locomotor recovery in individuals with a spinal cord injury after a repetitive step training. This project will promote the establishment of successful rehabilitation strategies for people with an SCI, based on neurophysiological data.

Dr. Zaghoul Ahmed received $399,600 for his research regarding the effects of combined magnetic stimulation and acrobatic exercises on an animal model of spinal cord injury. It is hoped that this research may lead to improved care in humans as spinal cord injuries are devastating and their effects are far reaching for individuals and their families.

Commenting on the grants, Professor Jeffrey Rothman, PT, EdD, Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the College of Staten Island and co-director of the Clinical Doctorate Physical Therapy Program in the Health Sciences Doctoral Programs at the CUNY Graduate Center, says: “These grants recognize the excellent quality of the College; the program, its faculty, and its students. The two faculty who have received this support are outstanding researchers with the primary goal to improve the lives of those with an injury to the spinal cord.”

“The Department of Physical Therapy at the College of Staten Island/Graduate Center of CUNY,” Rothman adds, “provides an invaluable service to the community by providing much-needed physical therapists who provide important rehabilitation services for our aging population, developmentally disabled, and the physically challenged throughout the lifespan.”

New York Times Staffers Visit MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE CLASS

Frank Burbank, Associate Professor of Biology at the College of Staten Island, has received the 2008 Joseph S. Blowsowski Award for Excellence in Snake Systematics from the Center for North American Herpetology for the research paper “How and When Did Old World Rat Snakes Disperse into the New World?” published in Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution, which he co-authored with Dr Ruban Lawson (California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco).

“I am very honored to be given this award... particularly since Joe Blowsowski was my mentor. Our paper is one of the first that combines molecular phylogenetics with intense mathematical methods of divergence dating and ancestral area estimation to demonstrate the timing and the path for the invasion of the North American continent by snakes from the Old World nearly 26 million years ago. This research is the tip of the iceberg in my lab and, along with my graduate students, we are demonstrating similar temporal patterns for most groups of snakes. These invasions ultimately account for 95% of the living species of serpents in North and South America... including all venomous taxa.”

Burbank, who is the senior author of the paper, is the sixth recipient of the Blowsowski Award, which includes a $500 check.

CSI Professor Receives Prestigious Award for Research in SNAKE SYSTEMATICS

The Center for North American Herpetology inaugurated the award in 2002 in honor of Joseph Bruno Blowsowski, the curator of amphibians, turtles, reptiles, and crocodilians at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco who died on September 12, 2001 at the age of 39 in the jungles of Malaysia after receiving a bite from a venomous snake. Burbank, named a species of snakes, that he discovered after receiving the award, is known as slowinski's corn snake.

Gail Simmons, Dean of Science and Technology at the College of Staten Island comments, Frank Burbank is one of our most outstanding researchers at CSI, and we are very proud of the national and international reputation he has established, of which this award is just one example. As a leader in CUNY, and nationally for his work on the evolutionary relationships of reptiles and amphibians, Frank is also a great teacher having mentored many students at all levels.”

Burbank has recently received national recognition for research that he conducted with two of his graduate students, Alex Pyron and Tim Gauthier, regarding the expansion of Burmese pythons outside of their current introduction location in south Florida. The pythons are major predators and have the potential of wreaking havoc on the Florida ecosystem. Other researchers have predicted that these snakes will migrate into other parts of the U.S. Burbank’s lab employed a unique computational approach to the study, which examined more inclusive climate data, and concluded that the snakes will expand outside of their current Florida habitat.

This research is published in the online journal PLoS ONE.

Dr. Morales Inaugurates a New Era at his FIRST CONVOCATION

Describing CSI as “an institution on the brink of a new and exciting era in its history,” CSI President Tomas Morales began his first Convocation speech to a near-capacity audience in the Center for the Arts Williamsson Theatre.

Dr. Morales noted that “the past year has been exciting: more courses, new faculty, new professional positions, outstanding faculty, improved transportation, record public funding for capital projects, and innovative advertising campaigns.” However, he also stressed that his vision for the future is founded on the College’s people—“Outstanding faculty, an outstanding student body, and an outstanding staff. In short, it is based on you, our people. You are second to none. You are world class, right here.”

Dr. Morales further spotlighted the College’s faculty and the great contributions that they are making to the quality of scholarship at CSI and the record enrollment on campus, including a burgeoning class in the CUNY Macaulay Honors College: “Our outstanding faculty is attracting other great students. This year alone, we have hired 27 new faculty—men and women who will carry with them the extraordinary work of opening young minds and expanding the world’s knowledge.”

Looking toward the future, Dr. Morales discussed the College’s Strategy for the next five years, underscoring his commitment to academics in the face of tough economic times, saying that “I pledge to do all that I can to hold harmless our academic programs and initiatives.” In addition, CSI will move forward with infrastructure improvements, its new residence halls, and strengthened initiatives to increase student retention and graduation rates.

The Convocation concluded with a ceremony that recognized CSI faculty and staff who have 25 and 30 years of service to the College.
CULTURAL COMPETENCE
Health care

CSI Professor Co-Authors Book on THE ECONOMICS OF COUNTERFEITING

F rom videos to pharmaceuticals, counterfeit products flood the U.S. market annually. Alan Zimmerman, Professor of Business at the College of Staten Island, and his co-author Peggy Chaudhry, Professor of Business at Villanova University, have recently completed a book, The Economics of Counterfeit Trade: Governments, Consumers, Pirates and Intellectual Property Rights, (scheduled for February 2009 release from Springer Publishing), that examines the problem of counterfeiting, but goes further in offering international business managers effective tools to combat the problem.

In discussing his research for the book, Zimmerman recalls, “I started out by surveying all the research that has been done by various people who’ve written on this issue, read all of the journals saying, ‘Here’s what you can do. You can do this or this.’ Nobody ever asked the people who are actually facing this ‘Problem what works?’ So what I did was make a comprehensive table with all the recommenda- tions that people gave in their writings over the last 20 years and then we tested it with managers. We found that some of the strategies that were recommended just don’t work at all and managers do not use several of these tactics. For instance, going after consumers, generally speaking, was not seen as very productive at all. In other words, telling consumers that it is a bad idea to buy counterfeit products can be a waste of time.”

According to a press release from Springer Publishing, the book informs readers that “70% of all seized counterfeit products in the U.S. are from China; China is by far the problem country for piracy; the global counterfeit market is not only seeing the use of traditionally pirated goods such as fake Gucci and Prada, but also counterfeit pharmaceutical products...such as fake Viagra.” Zimmerman adds that an entire chapter of the book is dedicated to presenting methods to stem the tide of counterfeiting. Other chapters identify the sources of counterfeit products, the consumer support for these products, approaches to dissuading consumers from buying counterfeit goods, the Internet’s role in selling fake products, and government initiatives and industry-led approaches to the problem.

Springer Publishing reports that so far, Zimmerman and Chaudhry “have received overwhelming support from the Motion Picture Association, RIAA [the Recording Industry Association of America], and the Business Software Association.”

CSU offers Nursing Certificate in Cultural Competence, first in the nation

In an effort to address the critical need for cultural competence in the health care profession, the College of Staten Island’s Department of Nursing launched a new Advanced Certificate in Cultural Competence program last fall, the first certifier of its kind in the nation.

The program is the brainchild of Marianne Jeffreys, Professor of Nursing at CSI, who points out the importance of being culturally competent in the health care field: “We have an increasingly diverse population with increased globalization and immigration throughout the world; people are moving more rapidly and cultures are changing. Nurses and health care professionals are also becoming much more diverse, so we really need to do this to enhance health care outcomes.”

“I applaud and fully endorse CSU’s Advanced Certificate in Cultural Competence. This program has it all—cultural specificity action plans across diverse practice settings for educators, practitioners, managers, and researchers,” said Larry Purnell, a nursing professor at the University of Delaware. “Graduates of [CSU’s] program will have readily available knowledge and skill that will enhance their cultural competence as well as the skills necessary to conduct culturally competent education and research and work more effectively with culturally diverse staff.”

The Website www.culturediversity.org notes that to be “culturally competent the nurse needs to understand his/her own world views and those of the patient, while avoiding stereotyping and misapplication of scientific knowledge. Cultural competence is obtaining cultural information and then applying that knowledge.”

For more information on the program call 718-982-3823.

FERRY SHUTTLE MAKES IT EASIER TO GET TO AND FROM CSI

Travel to and from CSI is a lot easier this semester thanks to a free nonstop shuttle bus service between the campus and the Staten Island ferry terminal in St. George. Riders will simply need a valid CSI or CUNY ID to take advantage of this convenient new service.

When classes are in session, the first shuttle to the CSI campus will leave the ferry terminal at 7:50am each weekday morning to the CSI campus and then depart every half-hour. At the ferry terminal, passengers can access the shuttle bus at the Upper South Lobby Passenger Pickup. To reach this location, take the stairs or elevator opposite Ramp A. The last shuttle from the ferry to CSI will leave at 10:55am.

The shuttle is the result of a very successful pilot program last March. During the test period, some students reported that the service cut as much as 50 minutes each way. Besides, offering a convenient alternative to driving to the campus, the shuttle will also improve the traffic and air quality situations on the Island, as fewer cars will be on the Borough’s congested roads.

For more information, call 718-982-3220 or visit www.csi.cuny.edu/ferryshuttle

CSU’s ACCOUNTING PROGRAM Gears Up for Changing Requirements

The Accounting program at the College of Staten Island has received approval from New York State for its 150 Program, in an effort to keep abreast of changing requirements for Accounting majors to set the New York State Certified Public Accountant examination. Beginning in August 2009, future accountants will need 150 credit hours to sit for the state exam; at present, the requirement is 120 hours.

In response, CSI has unveiled the 150 Program, which gives budding accountants 120 credit hours at the undergraduate level and adds the additional 30, through the College’s Master’s of Science in Business Management program, that will be required next semester.

John Sandler, Assistant Professor of Business at CSI, says that the changes “offer students an enhanced program. The program was expanded, more courses were added in order to meet the guidelines that New York State set. so they’ll be better prepared for the accounting world. Even students who don’t go on to complete the 150 students who are just getting an accounting degree for 120 credits, can get a much more substantial education.”

As a result, Sandler continues, “We’re able to get more people out there who are better prepared in the workforce. If we didn’t have this program, obviously students would have to go elsewhere. Now they can stay on Staten Island and fulfill all the requirements that they need.”

Sandler adds that CSI’s current Accounting program meets the 120-credit hour requirement for students to sit for the state CPA exam.

CSI International Business Program Offers a WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Jessica Serrano, a recent graduate of the College of Staten Island’s International Business program, is working on her master’s degree. However, unlike a lot of graduate students in the U.S., who move on to another college in this country, Jessica is out seeing the world. As a result of the experience that she gained in the CSI International Business program, she has been accepted into an International Business Practice program that is giving her the opportunity to study for her MBA in London and Bangkok. The program was developed by the Mountbatten Institute, in conjunction with American National College, School of Business Administration (AIC) in Springfield, MA. Discussing CSI’s International Business program, program chairperson Alan Zimmerman says, “It’s the only undergraduate international business major in CUNY. There aren’t any others; they’re all graduate. We have about 60 majors now. Most of our students have double majors—they’re majoring in International Business and Finance or International Business and Marketing, and a few of them are double majors in Accounting. There aren’t any others; they’re all graduate.

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Zimmerman adds that the program also gives business students a unique edge in today’s competitive marketplace, “It’s a good idea for students to have double majors because their initial job may not be that much different from somebody else’s. For instance, it might be in marketing or in finance or it might be in accounting. But that International Business degree and all the other experiences that go with it put them a notch over just a Marketing major or just a Finance major.”

At present, the program offers internship opportunities for students to get them out in the real business world before they graduate. Zimmerman says that many International Business students participate in the College’s program in China, and he notes that there are also student exchange opportunities in Ireland (Dublin Institute of Technology) and France (IPAG).
The College of Staten Island (CSI) has received a $75,000 grant from the Richmond County Savings Foundation to establish a new community service learning partnership and revitalize other core services fundamental to the College’s mission.

CSI’s Center for Developmental Neuroscience and Developmental Disabilities (CDNDD) received $45,000 to establish training fellowships for undergraduate students to become acquainted with the profession of Physician Assistant (PA), specializing in treating individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, while the College’s Center for the Arts received $25,000 to further develop and expand its presentation series, and the Office of Continuing Education received $5,000 for curriculum design of an ESL bridge-to-vocational training program.

In an effort to expand outreach commitment to the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families and their communities, CDNDD will collaborate with a longtime partner and neighbor, the Institute for Basic Research (IBR). The long-term goal of the CSI program is to establish statewide community partnerships with government and non-profit service providers to assist students in pursuing this career path.

Students applying for fellowships under this program will be drawn from broad and diverse backgrounds, and will take part in the training as part of a paid summer internship under the direction of Robert L. Freedland, PhD, director of the CDNDD and Jeffrey Rothman, EdD, PT, Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at the College of Staten Island and co-director of the Clinical Doctorate Physical Therapy Program in the Health Sciences Doctoral Programs at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Selection into the program will be based on commitment to additional field training rotations with select service providers while in school.

“CSI is proud of its outreach and commitment to the needs of people with developmental disabilities, their families, and their communities,” said CSI President Tomas Morales. “This initiative will allow us to establish new training fellowships and community partnerships, and our students will gain an appreciation and sensitivity to the needs of this underserved community while stimulating a strong desire to incorporate a sense of service in their future professional careers.

“I am also exceptionally proud of our faculty members for coordinating this initiative, and for taking on these added responsibilities without compensation,” Morales added.

According to Ann Helm, Director of the College’s Center for International Service, which oversees the program, “We’ve seen a lot of students on study abroad programs at international partner institutions in other parts of the world but we haven’t had a reciprocal exchange program that’s what this is. Whereas we have international students coming to us for degrees, the exchange students actually come as representatives of their institutions and these institutions are our partners around the world.”

According to Helm, the Exchange Ambassadors engage the CSI and Staten Island communities in a very deliberate way. While the Ambassador time is only one semester or one year, we do want to take advantage of their presence to really help them meet as many people as possible, represent their institution and their culture in as many ways as possible, so that everyone gains. “Students who are visiting CSI will represent their home institutions by giving ‘World on Wednesday’ presentations, participating in all forms of student activities, representing the Exchange Ambassadors program to local civic organizations, and being invited to special gatherings in the community.”

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CSI CHEMIST HONORED

Myra Hauben, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the College of Staten Island, has received the 70th Oscar Foster Award from the Chemistry Teachers Club of New York.

Hauben was honored, according to the Club, “in recognition of sterling character, intellectual integrity, devotion to the Club, and long and faithful service as a teacher of chemistry.”

Hauben, who could not be reached for comment, has made sustained contributions to teaching and Learning at the College since 1967. She was also the recipient of CSI’s Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2005-2006. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hunter College and her Master of Science from Purdue University.

Creating tomorrow’s leaders through CSI’s Exchange Ambassadors Program

Switzerland Celebrates LUNEN DAY

Dr. Margaret Lunney ’73, Professor in the Nursing Department of the College of Staten Island, presented a synopsis of her research program last October in Basel, Switzerland.

She was the keynote speaker at a national conference referred to as “The Lunen Day.” The conference attracted 100 nurse leaders from all areas of Switzerland, from Austria, and from the Netherlands and Sweden. The topic was “Evidence-based Nursing and Diagnostic Accuracy in Electronic Health Records.”

In this program, Professor Lunney reviewed the research evidence that supports the accuracy of diagnosis. Nursing responses is a complex and challenging endeavor that must be addressed by nurse leaders in order to achieve high-quality care.

ast fall semester, the College of Staten Island has launched a new international program—Exchange Ambassadors. Where CSI students attend classes at institutions of higher learning abroad and students from those same institutions come to CSI and take courses here. Participating students pay tuition fees that they would normally pay at their home institutions, thereby reducing the cost of studying abroad. Last fall, five students from abroad participated in the program.

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Tara Gianoulis has been very busy since she graduated magna cum laude in June 2003 from CSI with a BS in Bioinformatics, serving also as student speaker at Commencement. Since then, she has pursued her PhD in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics. As a student in the laboratory of Mark Gerstein and Michael Snyder at Yale University, she just recently defended her dissertation successfully.

Those achievements are impressive, but the research that she has conducted while at Yale is another reason for Dr. Gianoulis to be proud. She and colleagues in the Snyder and Gerstein lab have sequenced the pathogen Acinetobacter baumannii, a multidrug-resistant superbug that targets people with weak immune systems, most notably wounded veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and people in hospitals; her dissertation sought to identify how microbes adapt to changes in their environment, which could be potentially used as biosensors. She is currently studying a fungus called Gliocladium roseum, in the lab of Scott Strobel, that has the remarkable ability to produce jet fuel from plant matter.

Taking on a Superbug

Once at Yale, Dr. Gianoulis began research on A. baumannii, using computational biology. What is computational biology? Dr. Gianoulis explains, “In its most basic form, computational biology uses computers to answer questions in biology.” In the case of DNA sequencing, which was key to her research, Dr. Gianoulis notes that all DNA is comprised of a four-letter code, ATCG, but the arrangement of these letters provides the instructions underlying... all of life. What does this mean though? Although somewhat simplified, what color your hair is, how tall you are, etc., are determined by your particular arrangement of all these ATCGs, almost one billion of them for humans.” The trick, though, is to find particular sequences that might demonstrate that a person has a predisposition to a particular disease or height, and in order to identify these sequences, you can employ something called machine learning. In machine learning, Dr. Gianoulis programs (or teaches) a computer to identify particular characteristics of something of interest. In this case, to look for portions of A. baumannii that might be involved in making people sick. This pathogen is common in hospital settings, attacking patients with compromised immune systems, and causing a number of life-threatening conditions, such as pneumonia, respiratory infections, meningitis, and more. In addition, A. baumannii has been a significant problem for injured veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Based on her predictions of which regions are pathogenic, other researchers...
Speaking of the Environment...—

A. baumannii, a research organism
on Gliocladium roseum isn’t the
only environmentally significant
work that she’s done. Her disser-
tation, which she successfully
defended this January, also seeks
to help the planet. “My main
thesis is on a newer field called
metagenomics.” Dr. Gianoulis
explains. “With A. baumannii, I
had one microbe that I was
interested in and then I learned
as much as I possibly could, just
about that one particular microbe.
In metagenomics, instead of just picking one, I’m interested in a particular
environment, like a bucket of
water or a shovelful of soil, because
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What is most interesting to Dr. Gianoulis is the
feedback between how microbes
adapt to the environment and
how microbes change their
environment. “When most
people think of microbes, they
think of germs that make you
sick, but they also paly many
important roles. Oceanic
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staggering 80% of the ocean’s
biomass and all kinds of tasks
including breaking down dead
things and returning those
nutrients to the environment.
Dr. Gianoulis isn’t the only
member of her family with a
distinguished history at CSI.
Both her mother, Gloria, ’80, and sister, Ashley Fotinatos,
’92 and ’07 received their
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Science Now

Thanks to her research on
Gliocladium roseum she
became involved in an investigation
of Gliocladium roseum, a
fungus found in the Patagonian
rainforests that produces jet fuel.
After giving a lecture on her
work on A. baumannii, colleagues in Scott Strobel’s lab
asked her to work on the sequence
of the fungus to determine which enzymes are
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Pasquale Meleleo’s journey to becoming a veterinarian has been long and interesting.

After attending veterinary school in Ithaca, NY, Dr. Meleleo is back in the borough treating the community’s dogs and cats at Staten Island’s Bay Street Animal Hospital.

Dr. Meleleo came to Staten Island from Rome, Italy when he was seven. He graduated from St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served as an electrical operator on a nuclear-powered submarine. After his military service, Dr. Meleleo enrolled at Wagner College as a Biology major with, as he recalls, “no goals in mind at that point. I knew that I liked biology and I was pursuing a degree in the subject.”

After about three semesters at Wagner, Dr. Meleleo still didn’t know exactly what he wanted to do with a degree in biology. He decided to leave Wagner, work full-time, and attend CSI part-time. It was here that he discovered that he wanted to become a veterinarian. “I continued going to school and knew that I was interested in biology and in medicine, but not in human medicine. When I explored my options a little further, I began thinking about veterinary medicine and started volunteering at Bay Street Animal Hospital. At that point, I was hooked; I went back to school full-time to finish up my degree and applied to veterinary schools.”

In order to gain entry into the top veterinary schools, Dr. Meleleo added to his stellar academic record well-rounded experience by interning at the Staten Island Zoo and the Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center. Beyond the discovery of his love of veterinary medicine, Dr. Meleleo also found CSI to be a different experience from that of his previous college. After receiving straight As at Wagner and not feeling very challenged, he says that “when I [arrived at CSI], I quickly realized that it would take much more effort to maintain a competitive GPA. I think that the challenging level of work that was expected of me at CSI really prepared me for veterinary school, which says a great deal for the caliber of education provided at CSI. The only measurable difference between my classmates and me at Cornell was the amount of undergraduate debt we had accumulated.”

Dr. Meleleo graduated from CSI magna cum laude in 2004 with a Bachelor’s degree in Biology. He was accepted to every veterinary school to which he had applied and chose to attend Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, where he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, and was selected to receive the James Gordon Bennett Prize for his careful, humane use of anesthesia to relieve pain in animal patients.

Once he graduated from Cornell University, Dr. Meleleo visited a number of practices in and around Staten Island, always knowing that he had an invitation to come back to Bay Street Animal Hospital. In his own words: “The more I looked around, the more I wanted to return to Bay Street, not only for the great caring staff, but for the high level of quality medicine that is practiced there. He is currently an Associate Veterinarian, part of a five-doctor team at the state-of-the-art facility in Rosebank that treats Staten Island’s pets.

What does Dr. Meleleo find most rewarding about his career? “When you have an owner who comes in with a debilitated pet and they’ve lost some hope and you say ‘let’s give this animal a chance.’ As a doctor I evaluate, diagnose, and initiate a treatment plan and after a couple of days, sometimes the pet makes a remarkable turnaround and the owner really appreciates you steering them in that direction and giving the animal another chance.”

As for the future, Dr. Meleleo notes that he is happy at Bay Street Animal Hospital and hopes to eventually own part of this great facility. Toward that end, he is currently applying to Baruch College’s Zicklin School of Business so that he can not only manage tough medical cases, but also manage an excellent health care team.
Richmond County Bank Ballpark was the setting for the Third Annual CSI Alumni Night with the Staten Island Yankees. Over 150 CSI alumni and friends filled the picnic area to watch the Opening Day game between the Brooklyn Cyclones and the SI Yankees. Pre-game festivities included President Morales throwing out the first pitch of the game and Scooter, the Yankees mascot, greeting fans and posing for pictures.

This event has grown each year and is eagerly anticipated. As a tradition, this is the first official event to which our new grads are invited as members of the CSI Alumni Association and special recognition is given to them.

The first annual Fall Festival, held last fall at the College of Staten Island, was an overwhelming success. More than 10,000 people flocked to CSI’s park-like campus for the event, raising over $12,000 for the Staten Island Breast Cancer Initiative. Attendees had a wide variety of activities and about 60 vendor booths from which to choose, including a pumpkin patch with pumpkin painting, live entertainment all day, costume parades and contests, great seasonal food and treats, face painting, a strolling unicyclist/juggler, free raffles every hour that included a NY Jets super basket with tickets and gear, tickets to Center for the Arts events paired with restaurant gift certificates, and more.

Jennifer Furnari, owner of The Little Gym, which offered free gymnastics clinics throughout the day, commented, “We were so happy to be a part of the CSI Fall Festival this weekend. It was wonderful to see so many families and children participate in the event. The Staten Island community has so much to offer and we were so happy to have had the opportunity to be a part of it. It was such a wonderful way to bring the community together and we look forward to being a part of it for years to come.”

Considering the great success of the event, CSI’s Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement Robert Huber commented that “the College has proven that our Great Lawn lives up to its name. We are proud to host so many fun and family-friendly activities, and we are already planning to make next year’s event bigger and better.”

Other participating companies at the Festival were The Home Depot, The Actor’s Workshop, Calla Karate, Babies ’R Us, Art Lab Inc., Party With A Fairy Tale Princess, The Little Gym, FDNY, SIUH, A Little Bit Country, the Staten Island Yankees, Sweetbuc Park Nursery, SI Family Music, RUMC, Bernie’s Fun House, A&J Party Inflatables, and many others.

Fall Festival visitors were asked to make a $5 per person or $10 per family donation to the Staten Island Breast Cancer Initiative, a multidisciplinary approach toward making a positive impact on breast cancer incidence and mortality. In addition, Initiative representatives knitted and sold scarves at the Festival for $10 each to help raise additional funds. The Festival was also sponsored in part by the CSI Alumni Association and the Friends of CSI.

Alumni Day at the SI YANKEES

Once again, our Alumni Travel Program showcased our talented faculty, while making our alumni ties stronger. This past July Prof. Andy Ohan led a group of 12 alumni through the big island of Hawaii and Kilauea. The group was taken to destinations such as Volcanoes National Park and Lava Tree State Park. Prof. Ohan led discussions on various geological points of interest. After a trip filled with hikes, shopping, and excursions to Rainbow Falls and Akaka Falls, to name a few, a farewell dinner was held for our travelers. We hope that you will join us for future trips.

A Fun First FALL FEST at CSI

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The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program at the College of Staten Island celebrated its 25th anniversary with a reunion and conference last November.

The MALS program provides college graduates the opportunity to engage in an intensive study of Western society, culture, and thought. The curriculum consists of interdisciplinary courses (seven required courses and two electives) in the social sciences and humanities that have been specifically created for the program. Successful degree candidates must also submit a Master's thesis.

CSI Professor of History David Traboulay, who is the coordinator of the MALS program, says that the program, which stresses close advisement and a cohort approach to learning, “has helped students to grow in their jobs and become public citizens.”

Alumni of the program agree with Traboulay’s assessment. Philippe Marius, Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid at CSI, and a MALS program alumnus, comments, “A Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, in the best tradition of a liberal-arts education, would indicate an educated member of a modern polity, which is not necessarily the same as an individual trained—even to the highest proficiency—in a modern occupation. My completion of the CSI MALS program indeed greatly enhanced my civic character by immensely augmenting my appreciation of the poetics as well as the mechanics of modern life, moving me closer—by however much—to the ideal constituent of a civil society.”

Another alumnus, Tony Gallego, Assistant Director of Media Services at CSI, adds, “Not only do you learn new and exciting things, you learn to question and think. It has also helped me to advance in my career. Because of the MALS program, I’m thinking of pursuing a second Master’s in Cinema and Media Studies.”

Sharing his own experiences, alumnus Lou Bruschi shed light on how MALS affected his life, “I have always been an eager student, if not a good one; part of the difficulty for me was being pigeonholed into a single discipline. MALS removed the constraints of looking at a topic from one perspective. I am a social studies teacher for grades three through five and nine through 11, to be able to support the curriculum through literature, philosophy, mythology, and the broader humanities has been an invaluable resource to me as a teacher. Currently, Bruschi continues, “I am a student in the Educational Leadership program at Wagner College. In the courses I have taken at Wagner I have come to appreciate the deeper lessons imparted through the coursework in the MALS program. Understanding comes through metaphor. MALS provided a foundation of understanding through texts that have applications in so many disciplines. To become an effective steward of an institution, there are two factors that contribute more than any others, experience and knowledge. Without providing specific vocational or professional training the MALS program has given me a wealth of both.”

Noting that “the curriculum is essentially about the classic texts of Western Civilization in the Modern Period, the 19th and 20th centuries,” with one non-Western class and another regarding ancient Roman and Greek civilizations, Traboulay said that the anniversary event gives MALS alumni a chance to offer suggestions on how to change the curriculum for the better.

The event featured remarks from Traboulay and founding coordinator Fred Binder, an alumni panel discussion, and a keynote address from Professor Alfred Levine, Interim Dean of Research and Graduate Programs at CSI, entitled, “Culture, Consciousness, and Nature: The Context on Global Warming.”
CSI Alumni Association

HOLIDAY PARTY

Last December, the CSI Alumni Association held its annual Holiday Party. The festivities took place at the Manor House Restaurant, where CSI alumni dropped in to relax and kick off the holiday season. This year’s Holiday Party featured sumptuous hors d’oeuvres for the alumni to enjoy as well as an exciting array of raffle prizes. There was a successful turnout and everyone in attendance had a wonderful time; the Alumni Holiday Party was a great way to start off the season and get into the holiday spirit. Old friendships were rekindled and new ones made, once again proving that the Alumni Association brings together CSI students of all ages.

CELEBRATING CSI

At October, the CSI Alumni Association hosted “A Special Autumn Evening,” a night of celebration of a new era at the College of Staten Island and its second annual dinner. The event celebrated the first Convocation of President Tomás D. Morales, and also recognized CSI alumnae Kay Pesile, ’73, Francine Raggi, ’95, and Mary Regan, ’72 for distinguished service to the CSI Alumni Association. Kay Pesile was first appointed in 1998 as a Trustee of the Board of The City University of New York, and then reappointed in 2005. She is a financial advisor, educator, and has a diverse background in international banking and higher education. Francine Raggi served as Director of the CSI Alumni Association from 1987 to 2004, helping the Association to expand its database of 3,000 alumni to its present 55,000+ members. Mary Regan was employed by the NYC Board of Education for 40 years, teaching French, Spanish, and Latin in various Staten Island high schools. She has spent the last 20 years at the College of Staten Island, where she worked to implement collaborative efforts between the College and Island high schools.

In his remarks, Dr. Morales discussed the College’s Strategic Plan for the next five years, underscoring his commitment to academics in the face of tough economic times, saying that “I pledge to do all that I can to hold harmless our academic programs and initiatives.” In addition, CSI will move forward with infrastructure and transportation improvements, its plans for new residence halls, and strengthened initiatives to increase student retention and graduation rates.

CSI Nets First Win; Trine Takes Championship

SEVENTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF HEROES

The College of Staten Island men’s basketball team ended their longest losing streak in program history, scoring an 89-83 win over visiting Nazareth College in the consolation round of the Seventh Annual Tournament of Heroes played at the Sports and Recreation Center on December 30. The Tournament of Heroes is an annual event, played in celebration of three former CSI basketball players, Scott Davidson, ’91; Thomas Hannafin, ’90, and Terrance Aiken, who died on September 11, 2001. The win lifted CSI to 1-6 overall for the season, while Nazareth College fell to 1-6 overall with the loss.

In a game that see-sawed back and forth, both teams shared sports of momentum throughout the contest. Nazareth grabbed the early 6-2 lead, but the Dolphins grabbed their first lead, 10-8, on a Ryan Hennessey jumper at the 9:56 mark. The game then bounced from one hand to another. CSI led by as many as five points, 18-13, before the Golden Flyers posted an 11-2 run to take back the lead. 24-20. Ryan McAdam posted back-to-back three-pointers to highlight the run, part of his 26 points on the night. CSI never stopped fighting, and grabbed the lead back, 35-32, with just less than six minutes left. Ultimately, however, it was Nazareth who took a 41-40 lead into the locker room. After CSI took a modest 45-45 lead, it was time for Nazareth to make a sparkling run, and the visitors did with a 21-7 run that spanned seven minutes and gave the Flyers their biggest lead, 64-52, with 9:24 remaining. From there, however, momentum belonged to CSI. A jumper by Christian Montemurro and a layup by Jordan Young cut into the lead. When Nazareth went back up by eight, CSI countered with a pair of Hennessey free-throws, a three-ball by Michael Pabi and another lay-up by Hennessey, part of his game-high 31 points, to bring CSI to within one, 66-65, with 6:15 left. Nazareth then took a three-point, 73-70, lead via a pair of Chris Barrett free-throws, but again CSI had an answer. The Dolphins went on an 11-2 run, highlighted by a four-point spurt by Young. Free throws then told the story, as the Dolphins went 10-for-12 down the stretch to preserve the win.

The win was CSI’s second against Nazareth in Tournament of Heroes play. The two teams met in the Consolation Round of the 2006 installment of the tourney, with the Dolphins scoring an 84-75 win in that game. CSI was led by Hennessey’s 31 points, while Jordan Young, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, pitched in with 22 markers and a team-high nine rebounds. Young scored 44 points and 21 rebounds and six assists in the tournament. For Nazareth, Ryan McAdam’s 26 points led the way, and the senior was named to the All-Tournament Team as well, collecting 55 points and 24 rebounds in the two-day window. 

In the nightcap, Trine University took down St. Joseph’s College, 71-55. Tournament Most Valuable Player Wes Weir dumped in 27 points on 9-of-15 shooting, including four rebounds and three assists. Fellow All Tournament Team honoree Lamar Jackson chipped in with 13 points and seven rebounds, while Glenn Aliffre led all players with ten rebounds. For the Bears, Justin Got led the way with 23 points, also earning all-tourney honors. Trine improved to 4-7 overall, while St. Joseph’s ended at 3-6.

In the first game of the tournament, St. Joseph’s, who had a winning streak of 19 games as well as a number of in-state games, faced off against the Dolphins. The Dolphins led by as many as 11, 40-29, before the Bears stormed back for a 67-54 win. CSI was led by Hennessey’s 18 points, while Jordan Young posted 14 markers and five assists. The Bears were led by Wes Weir with 17 points and three assists. For the Bears, Justin Gist led the way with 25 points, also earning all-tourney honors. Trine improved to 4-7 overall, while St. Joseph’s ended at 3-6.
Breast Cancer Awareness Night

The College of Staten Island men's baseball team will promote breast cancer awareness when it sponsors the 6th Annual Grace Hillery Breast Cancer Awareness Night at the CSI Baseball Complex on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm, hosting Rutgers University - Newark for a single nine-inning contest. The Dolphins will don pink uniforms for the event, and proceeds raised will be donated to the Staten Island Breast Cancer Initiative and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.

Originating in 2004, the special evening serves to honor the memory of Grace Hillery, mother to former CSI student-athlete and baseball star Anthony Hillery '07, who passed away from the illness prior to the 2004 baseball season. Hillery went on to pay for the Dolphins through the 2005 campaign and has since graduated CSI with a degree in History and Education. He is currently a teacher and baseball coach at New Dorp High School, and looks forward to returning to CSI to continue the highlighted event each year.

"It was my grandmother who felt that it would be better if our family could raise money for breast cancer awareness, in lieu of all the flowers we received at my mother's funeral," said Hillery. "I felt if I tied that idea into a baseball game dedicated to my mother, it would be a nice way of keeping her memory alive while raising money for a great cause."

With a charity to seek out, Hillery chose the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation for breast cancer research. Since 1982, Komen for the Cure has raised over $900 million to fulfill that promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit dollars dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world. Beginning in 2000, CSI raised over $5,000 for the cause, the most ever in its four years, mostly through concessions, raffle tickets, donations, and breast cancer awareness toalrs. This year, expected raffle prizes will feature gifts from the Staten Island Furrier, CSI Alumni Association, SI Community Tennis Center, the Staten Island Yankees, the Brooklyn Cyclones, Rawlings, the CUNY Athletic Conference, the CSI Sports and Recreation Center, and numerous Staten Island and Brooklyn restaurants, as well as a host of signed baseballs and other memorabilia.

Admission to the event is free of charge. Those who cannot attend the game but would still like to make a contribution can do so by contacting David Pizzuto, Interim Director of Athletics, at 718.982.3169.

For a full list of upcoming sports dates, go to www.csidolphins.com.
As this is our inaugural issue of *Eye on CSI*, and our first edition of “Keeping Tabs,” we’ve decided to publish some pictures from the past that we hope will spark some fond memories of SICC, Richmond College, and CSI. Drop us a line if you know anyone in the pictures or if you’d like to share a memory about the people in the photos.

We also encourage you to tell us what’s new in your life—a new job, recent marriage, baby announcements, any awards or honors that you’ve received, or simply what you’re doing right now. Every edition of “Keeping Tabs” will not only give you bragging rights, but it will help your fellow alumni to know how you’re doing.
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To contribute to the CSI Student Fund or for more information, contact the CSI Office of Institutional Advancement at 718-982-2965.

**WAYS OF GIVING**

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